One Hundred Eleventh Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, two thousand and nine

An Act

To provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AUTHORITIES FOR THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION.

Section 1229(h) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 381) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) Personnel.—

"(A) In General.—The Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the duties of the Inspector General, subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

"(B) Additional authorities.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the Inspector General may exercise the authorities of subsections (b) through (i) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code (without regard to subsection (a) of that section).

"(ii) Periods of Appointments.—In exercising the employment authorities under subsection (b) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, as provided under clause (i) of this subparagraph—

"(I) paragraph (2) of that subsection (relating to periods of appointments) shall not apply; and "(II) no period of appointment may exceed the date on which the Office of the Special Inspector

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General for Afghanistan Reconstruction terminates under subsection (o)." $\!\!\!$

 $Speaker\ of\ the\ House\ of\ Representatives.$

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.